

REMARKS

In order to simplify the issues on appeal, Applicants are proposing to amend claim 19 to delete the language "single piece". In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that, in his opinion, this language introduced new matter. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner, in order to simplify the issues on appeal, Applicants have amended claim 19 to delete the language "single piece" from the claim.

Applicants request that this amendment be entered. This amendment should be entered because it will simplify the issues on appeal.

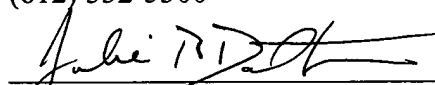
An Appeal Brief has been submitted concurrently herewith.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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